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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation* 

WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On April 27th, 2005, Barbara Baffer, representing Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications (USA), Inc.; Leo Fitzsimon, representing Nokia, Inc.; and Mary Brooner, representing Motorola, Inc. met with Cathy Seidel, Acting Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Julius Knapp, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology; Rashmi Doshi, Chief, Laboratory Division, Office of Engineering and Technology; Patrick Forster, Engineer, Office of Engineering and Technology; Nicole McGinnis, Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Angela Giancarlo, Associate Division Chief, Spectrum Policy, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; and Michael Wilhelm, Division Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The representatives of the three manufacturers requested this meeting to advise the FCC of their status regarding implementation of the Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC) requirement in wireless devices. They discussed that, while they could meet the FCC's regulatory requirements for specific air-interfaces, they have recently discovered difficulties achieving HAC compatibility measurements of M3 or M4 for GSM handset devices operating in the 850 MHz frequency bands. The representatives reported that the challenge appears to be industry-wide. The representatives explained that, at the time the ANSI standard was being developed, their primary focus with GSM was on 1900 MHz products. For technical reasons, GSM products in the 850 MHz band are much more likely to cause interference with hearing aids and may not be capable of achieving the M3 rating for GSM 850 MHz band products by September 2005.

The manufacturers' representatives told the FCC that producing products that meet and support disabled consumers' needs and carriers' requirements are of utmost importance to them. At this time, each company is investigating all possible compliance options both internally and through meetings with carriers and industry groups. The companies have considered various options with these groups and are working to identify product changes that they can make to

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address and resolve the challenges of creating hearing aid compatible GSM devices for 850 MHz.

Pursuant to sections 1.1206(b)(1), 1.1206(b)(2), and 1.49(f) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter along with the associated enclosures are being filed with the Office of the Secretary in the above-referenced docket. Copies are also being served on the Commission personnel in the meeting.

Sincerely,

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